

A PROCLAMATION

(Draft)

WHEREAS by Proclamation No. 2914 of December 16, 1950, issued after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, the President declared that world conquest by communist imperialism was the goal of the forces of aggression loosed upon the world and that achievement of the goal of communist imperialism would deprive the people of the United States of the freedoms and rights which are a part of our way of life; and

WHEREAS by Proclamation No. 2914 the President proclaimed the existence of a national emergency requiring that the armed forces and civilian defenses of this country be strengthened; and

WHEREAS the continued existence of the national emergency so proclaimed was affirmed by Executive Order No. 10896 of November 29, 1960, and Executive Order No. 10905 of January 14, 1961; and

WHEREAS the threat to the security and peace of the United States and other nations of the world which made necessary the issuance of Proclamation No. 2914 has recently been increased by the secret, swift, extraordinary buildup of communist missiles in Cuba and is further manifested by communist actions in Berlin and other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS there is a present need to strengthen the military, air, naval and civilian defenses of the nation; and

WHEREAS section 673 of Title 10 of the United States Code provides that members and units of the Ready Reserve of the armed forces may be ordered to active duty in time of national emergency declared by the President after January 1, 1953:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States, do proclaim that a national emergency exists and that the armed forces of the nation in active service must be augmented in the interest of national security by the means authorized by section 673 of Title 10.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to nullify or contravene any action heretofore taken under the authority of Proclamation No. 2914, and all powers and authorities exercisable by virtue of that proclamation shall remain in full force and effect.

THE WHITE HOUSE